



Josephine Ann Peitzmeier

September 22, 1934 - February 6, 2022

Josephine A. "JoAnn" Peitzmeier, 87, of Evansville, passed away on February 6, 2022 at her home.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Andrew E. Peitzmeier on September 20, 2004. She and Andy were wed on December 30, 1952 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw, IL.

Since the age of 5, JoAnn was either working, helping others through volunteering or just making friends. The grocery business was part of her life from a young age as her grandfather owned and operated Filz Finer Foods in Warsaw. She and Andy owned and operated The Country Food Fair in Warsaw for many years.

JoAnn taught at Rockford School where there were eight grades in two rooms and earned her Elementary Education degree from Carthage College in 1962. She went on to teach in the Warsaw school system until her retirement in 1992. She taught Title I for most of that time. She was active on the Warsaw Public Library Board and helped in the building of the new library. After retiring, JoAnn volunteered for Birthright and Meals on Wheels.

A life-long Catholic; she was a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw before moving to Evansville in 2006 and becoming a member of Holy Redeemer.

Retiring from teaching at an early age left JoAnn time to dote on her grandchildren which she and they both enjoyed. She never seemed to meet a stranger and loved cutting up and spending time with friends. She was a world

traveler; having visited Europe, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, China and most of the United States. One of her most treasured trips was a transcontinental train trip across Canada with her sister and sister-in-law. The trip was topped off with a New England cruise.

She enjoyed biking, walking, and working in her yard. She loved culture, music, arts, plays, movies and musicals, which she passed on to her children and grandchildren.

Surviving JoAnn are her son, Mark A. (Flora) Peitzmeier; daughter, Michelle (Thomas) Ramacciotti; grandchildren, Michael (Sarah Bradley) Peitzmeier, Sarah (John Silberholz) Peitzmeier, Brianna (Dylan) Deputy and Victoria Ramacciotti and great grandchildren, Auden and Eleanor Silberholz and Andrew Peitzmeier Bradley. Also surviving are her sister, Janet (John) Rater and sisters-in-law, Deanna Ewers and Anne Peitzmeier, many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband Andrew, JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Charlotte Ewers; by a brother, Michael Ewers and a daughter, Melissa.

There will be a Memorial Mass held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Rev. Jason Gries officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 11:00 AM until service time on Saturday at Holy Redeemer Church. Anyone who attends services will be required to wear a mask.

Graveside services will take place at 10:00 AM on Monday, March 7, 2022 in Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw, IL.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in JoAnn's memory to Catholic Charities of Evansville or to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

1600 Cemetery Road
Warsaw, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
1600 Cemetery Road
Warsaw, IL

Memorial Mass

MAR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
918 West Mill Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Ann Peitzmeier*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Joanne was a lovely person: She simply shined with kindness and fun. Eternal rest grant unto her 🙏*

Edith Ewing - March 07, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Josephine Ann Peitzmeier.*



March 04, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Ann Peitzmeier.*



February 25, 2022 at 02:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josephine Ann Peitzmeier.*



February 23, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *JoAnn was a kind, generous, caring and loving person. She and Andy opened their home to me in 1985-86 when I came to Warsaw from Thailand as an exchange teacher at Warsaw High School. She made me feel at home in a new country far from my home. She was like a mother to me and we remained friends ever since. I am very saddened by her passing and may she rest in peace. I am grateful to have known her and will cherish the wonderful memories. My deepest sympathy to Mark and Flora, Michelle and Tom and the rest of the family.*

Supatra Thongchai Raab

Supatra Raab - February 16, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *I first met her as her paper boy back in 1977, then she gave me my first job in the grocery store in 1984. She was always friendly and honest, and everyone who met her came away a changed, better person. I'm saddened I didn't get to talk to her lately, but I assume she kept riding her bike as long as she could!*

Ron Nason - February 13, 2022 at 02:08 AM

AB

“ Mrs P was an integral part of my childhood. I was very fortunate to have my favorite teacher also be my neighbor. She cared for us like we were part of her family. I could always count on her to have extra butter, eggs, a cup of milk, whatever it was that we always seemed to be out of in the middle of making dinner, she had it, and she would always let us use it. Thank you for sharing her with all of us.

Andria Bertucci - February 11, 2022 at 02:32 PM

DR

“ Mrs. Peitzmeier, as she will forever be referred, was a one of a kind amazing teacher! I'm sure we couldn't count the number of students who would say the same. She and her husband were true assets to the Warsaw community. Sending prayers to your family during this time.

Debby (Meyer) Rabe
Daughter of Ed & Rosalee Meyer

Debby Rabe - February 10, 2022 at 08:05 AM

JJ

“ Sincere loving sympathy to the family. May she rest in peace.

jan Jacobs - February 10, 2022 at 02:04 AM

RM

“ JoAnn was such a sweet lady. She was very active in A.F.S. in Warsaw. She helped our family get our first student to host. That was in 1989. She will be missed. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.



Rex & Janie Morgan - February 09, 2022 at 10:38 PM

MH

“ JoAnn was a delightful, friendly, and very special person. I always enjoyed talking “teachers stuff” with her, and loved when I was lucky enough to get her for my substitute for the day. She had a heart of gold, zest for life, and was an adoring and proud Mom and Grandma. My deepest sympathy to Michelle and Mark, as well as, the rest of her family.
Marlys Heisler

Marlys Heisler - February 09, 2022 at 10:25 PM

MS

“ JoAnn and Andy lived across the street from us while I was growing up. She and my dad (Wendell Spangler) had a friendly rivalry about whose lawn looked best! I remember them laughing about that. Condolences to Mark, Michelle, Janet and all the family.



Mary Anne Spangler Scott - February 09, 2022 at 09:46 PM

JC

“ We were looking so forward to being JoAnn’s neighbor when we bought the house across the street. However, JoAnn was moving to Evansville and we never got to be neighbors! She was an outstanding teacher and person! Our prayers for Michelle, Mark, and families.

Jean and Hank Courtois - February 09, 2022 at 08:46 PM

B(

“ My grandma was one of the best people I’ve ever known. I will miss her everyday and will cherish all the memories I have with her forever.

Brianna Deputy (Ramacciotti) - February 09, 2022 at 08:45 PM

RD

“ *What a great lady, teacher, neighbor and boss. Brings back a lot of memories. Great to have know her!!! My sympathy to Shelly and Mark and your families.*

Rhonda Wepner Downey

Rhonda Downey - February 09, 2022 at 08:38 PM

SG

“ *I can still see her riding her bike on the streets of Warsaw. She was a great lady. My condolences to the family.*

Sheila (Harris) Gillham - February 09, 2022 at 07:57 PM

MD

“ *JoAnn was a beautiful woman inside and out!*

Maxine Dennison - February 09, 2022 at 07:02 PM

KB

A dearest Friend..an amazing mentor..a favorite shopping buddy..trusted confidant..and someone I've shared the best laughter. She led by example and touched the lives of so many. Rest in Peace my Friend. Father Kusch would say " well done good and faithful servant".

Kathy Bartholomew - February 17, 2022 at 10:34 AM